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LB 431

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FISCAL NOTE
 LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	FY 2023-24		FY 2024-25	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	See below		See below	

Any Fiscal Notes received from state agencies and political subdivisions are attached following the Legislative Fiscal Analyst Estimate.

This bill amends provisions of the Uniform Credentialing Act pertaining to criminal history record information checks, authorizing the Nebraska State Patrol (NSP) to submit fingerprinting to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a national criminal history record information check. The State Patrol must then issue a report of any findings to the Division of Public Health of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). Currently, background checks are only required if a criminal background check is required by an interstate licensure compact. The Occupational Licensure Unit within DHHS shares data with NSP via an online site on SharePoint. Due to the existing partnership, DHHS will need minimal updates to accommodate the changes proposed in the bill. DHHS indicates the costs can be absorbed within current resources.

The fiscal impact to NSP would depend on the number of applicants. Each application comes with a fingerprinting fee of \$45.25 paid for by the applicant. The fee per application that NSP remits to the FBI is \$13.25 per background check, therefore NSP receives \$32 per background check to cover processing costs.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE		
LB: 431	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (025)
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COMMENTS: No Basis to Dispute the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) estimate of Potential Fiscal Impact to the Agency from LB 431, which the Agency indicates it can absorb within existing resources.		

ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

State Agency or Political Subdivision Name:(2) Department of Health and Human Services

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	<u>FY 2023-2024</u>		<u>FY 2024-2025</u>	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
CASH FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FEDERAL FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
OTHER FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Return by date specified or 72 hours prior to public hearing, whichever is earlier.

Explanation of Estimate:

LB 431 proposes to amend the language of Neb. Rev. Stat. 38-131, which provides the statutory authority for applicants for licensure in certain professions to submit fingerprints to the Nebraska State Patrol for purposes of a national criminal background check.

Currently, the DHHS Occupational Licensure Unit and the Nebraska State Patrol (NSP) operate a joint SharePoint site to share information regarding applicants who have submitted fingerprints for the purposes of a criminal history check. This involves work on the part of DHHS IT Business Systems Analyst to ensure that information is uploaded to the SharePoint site appropriately and correctly. While this partnership already exists, additional professions will need to be included in SharePoint and the SharePoint database will need to be consistently monitored.

- DHHS IT Business Systems Analyst (1) will need an additional 80 hours to update the new professions impacted by LB 431 into the SharePoint system at a cost of \$2,015.56.
- DHHS Health Licensing Coordinators (x2) will also need an additional 80 hours (40 hours each) to update application form instructions for the professions impacted by LB 431 at a cost of \$1,538.40.

The department will absorb these costs.

MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

PERSONAL SERVICES:	NUMBER OF POSITIONS		2023-2024 EXPENDITURES	2024-2025 EXPENDITURES
	POSITION TITLE	23-24		
Benefits.....			\$0	\$0
Operating.....			\$0	\$0
Travel.....			\$0	\$0
Capital Outlay.....			\$0	\$0
Aid.....			\$0	\$0
Capital Improvements.....			\$0	\$0
TOTAL.....			\$0	\$0